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TO : Chief, Contact Division
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DATE: 22 May 61

FROM : Chief, Contact Division

SUBJECT: Interview With Walter Lee, German Patient at WHS Hospital, Detroit

1. Walter Lee, born as Vicente, M.F., 17 Jan 19, called the Detroit, Mich. office on the afternoon of 15 Aug 60 and requested an interview. He said he had information as to what "would help us". In response to his request, a 143 called on him the same afternoon at the hospital.

2. Physically, Lee gave the appearance of having been down on his back for some time. He is a Venezuelan citizen, and his wife and two children live in Maracaibo. He is a sugar operator by profession. He arrived in the U.S. on his first trip in 1947, in Cleveland on or about 11 August, and has been at the Detroit WHS Hospital since that date. He carries passport no. 250710, re-validated at Maracaibo, Venezuela on 17 Jul 59. Lee has a sister-in-law, Anna, who he describes as a gun-toting newspaperwoman of Maracaibo, and a brother of German Desiderio. The following is the gist of what he said in the course of the two and a half hour interview.

3. Communist-backed Anti-Communist Movement. Through his sister-in-law, Lee met in 1951 a Cuban newspaperman by the name of Pena, a reporter for the Diario for Correspondence of Venezuela. Pena introduced him to people connected with an anti-Communist movement, composed mainly of Nicaraguan exiles in Venezuela. Lee asked the organization what they would have employed him, but he found out the movement was backed by the Communist Party of Venezuela, and so he dropped them.

4. Shortly after his meeting with the anti-Communists, Lee came in contact with a Professor, Director of the College Jose Martí, and head of the Anti-Communist Movement. Correspondence was under the impression that Lee was an ex-Communist, and expressed an interest in using him to run arms into Cuba, to supply the Castro forces. This was prior to the Batista overthrow of January 1959.

5. Lee took a job in Miami, working on contracts on a trading operations. In April in July 1960, he met a man Jose Manfred, who introduced him to Manfred, owner of an anti-Castro group. Manfred took Lee into the group and told him he would like to employ him when his job in the trading operation ended. Manfred, according to Lee, was the agent who dispatched the "trading party" consisting of Lee, Manfred, and Manfred. All of them were caught and released shortly after their arrival in Cuba. Lee says Manfred and Manfred were sent to work on sugar, but a Manfred was raised in connection of the trading operation. Lee was unimpressed. Manfred said Lee was Manfred, and Lee was Manfred. Lee said he could be sent in with the "trading party" and Manfred arrived there, but Manfred the "trading party" did not arrive there.

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7. When Galt was going for mail and he was finally available to enter the Messerger group and then he was a fellow by the name of Harry (first name), in the company of William and Arthur Messermer. Instantly, in Messermer's company and walks with a much more pronounced limp than Ido, William. Harry had an office in the same building as the Cuban Consulate, and seemed to act as a mail-man for Messermer, as well as a provider of weapons at a small scale. Harry apparently had serious character flaws, since he scolded two of the members of the Messermer militia out of the shop each on the pretext of taking their sheets from home to have them washed for them.

8. Warden of Russ Mackay: When MacFerrer started actively recruiting Americans for the cause, he did not make any effort to check them out. Among them were Russ Mackay, who claimed to be an ex-Spanish police officer in the service of Castro. The night she was in a bar next to the MacFerrer task force's barracks at Bay of Pigs, West with Mackay, Juan (also known as El Negro) and a former member of the Castro secret police, whom he could not name. There were many other Cubans and Americans as well. Juan was a Portuguese he claimed to have entered the US legally at Key West after jumping the Havana-Key West Ferry. His nickname derived from his musical talents. He also claimed to have had no military experience, but he proved to adept at military tactics that he later became second in command of the task force. The former Castro secret policeman was in an early 20's, about six-foot tall, husky build and claimed to have been a schoolteacher. In the course of the evening at the bar, one of the three - Mackay, Juan, or the ex-secret policeman - made the remark that, on the occasion of their training in Cuba, they should break away from the MacFerrer group and try to join up with some other. Gee overheard the remark and reported it to the task force leader, though as said he could not identify which of the three had made it. The ex-secret policeman was thrown out of the task force, but Mackay was also strongly suspected of being the author of the dissident remark. As a result of this suspicion, Mackay was not allowed to take any firearms with him when the group went onto training at Mo-Na-Me Key. Gee, however, was allowed to take a .22 pistol. Besides Gee's weapon, the only other firearms at Mo-Na-Me initially were a 12-gauge shotgun and a .32 rifle. Mackay was unable to keep up with the rigorous physical training schedule of the group, and so absented himself from that part of the training. Mackay adopted the habit of rising early in the morning and going out to hunt in the woods. Having managed somehow to appropriate the .32 rifle. Because of his general attitude toward the training, plus the suspicion that surrounded him as the possible author of the dissident remark in the Miami bar, an acute bitterness grew between him and the group leader at Mo-Na-Me, Jorge, also known as Big Leg. Jorge was a former Castro police sergeant who had been tried and condemned to death in Guantanamo. Jorge proposed shooting it out with Mackay, but the latter declined the invitation. MacFerrer visited Mo-Na-Me once in the company of Greg ---, an ex-S.I. who had served in Spain. MacFerrer brought with him a .45 service automatic and a .30-06 Harvard rifle. These guns were lost by MacFerrer, upon his departure the next day. In the company of Volante Guantanamo, who had been a PAN man in Batista's army and claimed to have killed Walter Rebel. Companera was married to an American seaman who lived in Miami. Mackay arose early the morning and went hunting, according to his custom. About breakfast time, the men in the camp heard shots, and then Mackay

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9. Bill Bishop and CIA informant "Doc" who came after Robert's "showing the boys reading" and from "first time" came they had to leave to "him", "him" is the "Bill". They went to Little Blue Key. And a man named Bill Bishop was sent out to take charge of them there. They spent the one was at Little Blue Key on a signline where or, and then returned to Miami. Bishop impressed the group as being a psycho, and no one would take orders from him. He is the "showing group" after the return to Miami, but shortly thereafter contacted her and asked him to join him in his "office" at 1000 South Commercial "Miami". Doc visited Bishop in his apartment in Miami, and described it as a "rather expensive setup". When the "showing" Bishop called James, Tom West, Miami, gave him a report, and had a discussion. At the conclusion of the visit Bishop appeared upset, and explained that he had been "taken an expensive" off. He confided to Doc that all information from Sabermith went to CIA. He said he was set up with Calam and John Lake before that.

10. Other members of the Masterferrer group included Kenny Friedman, -- a slim and well known as "Doc" unofficially identified. John Rosenberg, Administrative Assistant to Masterferrer, told these three a total of fifteen to twenty and best of John Rosenberg and his wife, in exchange for an article known had written for a Miami newspaper, which displeased Masterferrer. The lyrics were "unpublished". In the Masterferrer group there was also a -- a heavy (muscular), blond, with a blond mustache, claimed to be a Communist and a flam sympathizer. Many tried to persuade a group that could be used with toughness for the purpose of building Russian shipping en route to Cuba, in the vicinity of the Bahamas. Kenny Friedman got drunk one night, and he and several subjects beat up Frank, sending him to the hospital. When released from the hospital, Frank moved in with the Robbers. The identity of the Robber executed in Cuba along with Garcia and Thompson. Robbery incidentally, claimed to have been a POW of the Communists in Korea, one of the Robbers or so who refused repatriation in 1953.

11. Breaking of the Westover group occurred around early January 1961, when Westover was asked by the police to close up the barbeque. The members of the group were told to go under several ways, but they were nearly all shot back. Luis Hernandez took Ben to the home of Dr. Anselmo M. Villarreal, President of the Casa Joven. While the police outside in the car, Julio went into the house and returned carrying with a "bag" of money. He turned it over to Ben to pay each of the men back, constituting final pay-off and liberation of a employment agreement. Ben was able to find 11 of the men, to each of whom he gave three dollars to leave town, and 10 dollars to return as a rule to the union to still keep in his possession. All of the men obtained these instructions except to Ben.

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of some means. One of them was left in a group before the payoff was made. A man at Havana, who was told for several days to reach a "meeting" there. The man, who was waiting, apparently, was picked up instead of being taken there. They were arrested and taken to 30 groups each. One officer was reportedly that some of the men was a woman. Another small group of the ex-convicts made a last attempt with the intention of killing to Cuba. They were picked up by Cuban police before they got out of the harbor.

12. All Anti-Castro Agents in the Miami Area, according to Gee, is under the direction of James Fernandez, of the Cuban organization, whose residence is at 801 1st and 10th Aves. S.W. Gee says she provides, or makes, money and sees to their delivery on target.

13. Guantanamo-Bahia Anti-Transport Plan: (Gee says that he gave the following information to James Fernandez who was with him in response to his phone call sometime early this year to the office in Miami.) Sometime early this year, Gee is vague about the time, he met a man named Howard Davis, who upon hearing that Gee was interested in returning to his family in Caracas, introduced him to one Julio Pineda, who of 4355 Collins Ave., Miami. Pineda arranged an interview for Gee with a Colonel Casanova, who was introduced to him as the head of the anti-transport operation in Miami. Casanova called Gee and Davis at their house - on 30 days notice - organize and arm a group of 400 ex-C.I.'s. He assured Gee and Davis that unlimited cash would be at their disposal for the task. Casanova said all kinds of arms would be needed, including machine guns and flame throwers. He was most interested in whether or not Gee and Davis had any channel for procuring the arms. They assured Casanova they could raise the 400 men and obtain the needed arms and equipment. Casanova said he had already arranged transportation for the force via commercial airlines, that they would be flown to a mountain site "trained" Caracas. He said the 400 disguised as tourists, and they would be given 30 days vigorous training under the direction of English-speaking Venezuelan army officers. Casanova explained that the tentative plan was for an attack by the 400 on Caracas, simultaneously with an Army revolt within the city and at other unannounced points. The attempted coup in early 1961, involving an attack on Radio Marti, resulted in the arrest of several army officers involved in the Casanova plot, and according to Pineda, necessitated an indefinite delay. Pineda told Gee, however, that Fernandez was still interested in the plan, and that it would be carried out.

14. Caracas with arrangements: Thomas J. J. S. S. S. S., who lives with Rafaela, a relative of the anti-Castro, Gee met 500 1961, former owner of the hotel Rich in Miami. Sosa told Gee that, if he were provided with one thousand dollars cash for expenses, he would go to Caracas and buy any kind of arms needed, and he would guarantee delivery to any part of the world. Another gun-runner with whom he came in contact was Charles Adams, 1010 1st 9th Ave., Miami, telephone number MA 4-2464. Adams told Gee that he could obtain, for \$15.00 cash on minimum orders of one thousand, a weapon described as Anti-Air (aircraft), with NATO ammunition. Another arms dealer whom Gee contacted was Hal Castle, 2323 34 1st St., Miami, telephone CH 4-629. He provided Gee with a list of surplus US arms which he could obtain in any quantities desired.

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2. The following US citizens were in Circular #1, Isle of Elmer Prison, on 12/24/62:

2. Robert John Cantello, age 30-35, 6'2", 150 lbs. brown eyes and hair, straight; home address: 15117 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. He was caught in the Cuyahoga Hotel, Wynnham, Havana, in December 1960 for being a counterrevolutionary. He allegedly belonged to a secret anti-Castro movement. He was supposed to have helped in an uprising in the Escambray Mountains in early 1961. He is serving a 15-year prison term. He is in urgent need of medical care, has a stomach ulcer, and is losing weight daily. He has lost 70 lbs since he has been in prison. I saw him before I left. He is nothing but skin and bones.

5. Eustace Edmund, age 37-40, 6'0", 187 lbs, dark brown eyes and hair; married; home address: 3315 Dockfield Blvd, Baltimore, Md. He was caught on north coast of Cuba because of counterrevolutionary activities in 1961 traveling in a yacht with seven or eight other Americans. He is serving a 15 to 20-year prison term. He has lost some weight but otherwise is looking fine. I saw him and talked to him before I left.

c. Peter Leckie, age 21, 5'10", 175 lbs., dirty blond hair, brown eyes; single; born [redacted] [redacted], [redacted]. His father is an American residing in the [redacted]; his mother is English. He was an airplane pilot and water skiing and scuba diving instructor in the Bahamas. He was caught in the Pinar del Rio Mountains, in the summer of 1960 fighting with a group of anti-Castro guerrillas. He is not a very intelligent boy and keeps to himself. Talks with a lisp caused by an airplane accident.

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1. Armando Llanusa, 35-6 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs, blond hair and blue eyes, single, very capable. He is a civil pilot who taught in an aviation school in North Florida. Speaking very well constructively, speaks Spanish and very little English. He was arrested in the summer of 1960 for being concerned with a conspiracy, given aliases La Oveja or shepherd Armando (again), Armando in Nicaragua. La Oveja was traveling by commercial airplane (747) from the US on his way to Puerto Rico, stopped at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, to pick up passengers, was taken out of the plane, arrested, and taken to prison. La Oveja was trying to obtain permission to enter or overhew Puerto at the time. Dr. Bailey is certain La Oveja is a Cuban prison inmate. He was actually working for La Oveja at the time of his arrest. Dr. Bailey was caught two or three days before La Oveja, who is also in prison now. La Oveja has no love for the US although he does go to the border the US.

10. John Cunningham, 5'-10, 160 lbs., black hair and blue eyes
brown striped shirt. He was arrested early in 1961 in a boat on the
north coast of Cuba with burning equipment stowed aboard. He is Jewish.
His father turned his anti-Communist activities. He was formerly
member of a lot in the U.S. I did not know him too well; he was sort
of quiet and kept to himself. He is in fair health.

1. Edward Herman "Red" Calkins, DOB 11/16/1916, blond hair, blue eyes; married; professional writer; Boston, Mass. He lost a much weight, he is nothing but skin and bones. Always seems to himself and the rest of the Americans. He is allegedly a CIA agent who was caught with

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another US citizen in the Bay or St Johns Hotel in Havana in 1961 planting a telephone and wire recorder in the wall between his apartment and that of a Chinese diplomat. The engineer, I believe, was either Sam Green or Joe Green. He is also serving a 15-year term at Isle of Pines.

3. Jack Long, 35-40, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown eyes, black hair; home address: Box 10, 157 St, Franklinville, North Carolina. He may be the engineer who was caught with Kennedy mentioned above. He also kept to himself. His health is fair. He is also serving a 15- to 20-year term.

4. Joe Green, 30-35, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes; home address unknown. He is very quiet, soft-spoken, well-educated, keeps to himself. He may have been the electrical engineer who was caught with Kennedy. He is also serving a long prison term.

5. Leonardo [redacted], 41 years old, 5'8", 150 lbs, dirty blond hair, blue eyes; high school graduate; home address unknown. He is very healthy, quiet, played chess all the time, sure with the US group. He was one of the seven caught in the yacht with the US citizens on the north coast of Cuba with Dumbrant. He is serving a 15- to 20-year prison term for counterrevolutionary activities.

6. Alfred Gibson, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, fair health, Southern accent, fair education. Kept with the rest of the US citizens. I believe he has also caught in the same yacht with Dumbrant. He is also serving a long prison term.

7. Richard Allen [redacted], 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes; home address unknown. He is completely crazy, of irrational behavior, tried to escape in one of the big trash cans. Had had several wars, fits. He has been in the hospital several times. Two prisoners who are psychiatrists have been trying to help him, but in vain. He urgently needs psychiatric help. He was allegedly caught in the [redacted] and arrested for being a counterrevolutionary. He was caught in late 1960 or early 1961, is serving a 15-year term. Sometimes goes around all day talking to himself.

8. [redacted], 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown eyes and hair, naturalized US citizen (Cuban parents). Korean War veteran. His wife (Dora) and two daughters are residing in Miami. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He was arrested in Havana in 1961 for being a counterrevolutionary.

9. [redacted] (last), 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, light-brown hair, blue eyes, Korean War veteran, a Southerner, high school education. He was also caught in the yacht with Dumbrant, who was allegedly working for Rolando [redacted]. He worked in a New York resort center before going to Cuba.

10. There are all the US citizens that I know about who are at the Isle of Pines Prison now.

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1. Assume Smith, a member of a wealthy family from Cambridge de Cuba, served as prosecutor attorney during the early days of the Revolution, and sent many Cubans to the firing squad. This man and his family are residing in Miami. Jane Smith, a wealthy Cuban woman who kept the C-2 informal concerning the spyglass activities.

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Memorandum

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TO : Chief, Content Division
ATTN : Support Branch

FROM : Chief, Miami Field Office

DATE: 5-11-1953

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SUBJECT: Plan to Unite the Cuban Exiles

1. At their request, Luis G. Rodriguez met with Dr. Ricardo Rafael Sardinas, Secretary of the Cuban Lane Planters Association in exile and with Juan ~~Manuel~~ ~~Sardinas~~, Cuban Senator and editor of the Spanish language radio newspaper "El Periodico del Aire". ~~Mr. Rodriguez~~ advised that they have been meeting with several personalities of the exile colony in an effort to organize all the exiles into a single group which will represent all the exiles regardless of former affiliations.
2. They feel that after the sorry spectacle provided by the Cuban Revolutionary Council, they must avoid getting involved in matters which are in conflict with the policies of the US Government. Therefore, they would like to discuss this project with Mr. John Guimaraes.
3. The following personalities have been approached and have indicated their desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in an effort to unite all the Cubans in exile: Antonio Manuel de Varona, Dr. Julio ~~Garcera~~ Dr. Carlos ~~Frio~~, Dr. Carlos ~~Martinez~~ Sterling, Carlos ~~Riera~~, Jose Ignacio Riquero, Jose ~~Alvarez Diaz~~, ~~José~~ ~~Paredes~~, Mariano Sanchez Arango, Luis ~~Gonzalez~~ ~~Quintero~~, Manuel ~~Ardina~~, ~~Bernardo~~ ~~Hugh~~, Narciso ~~Llana~~, Orlando ~~Barro~~ Calles, Jose Ignacio ~~Pardo~~, Mario ~~Sanja~~ ~~de~~ ~~la~~ ~~Marina~~ ~~Pascall~~ Vilá, Gerardo ~~Guerra~~ Rubio, Leonardo ~~Perez~~, Santiago ~~Placeres~~, Ruben ~~de~~ ~~Leon~~. Also included in this group are General Gonzalo ~~Jimenez~~ Larrauri, veteran of the War of Independence, and Fernando ~~Rojas~~, leader of the Transportation Workers, because both are Negroes.
4. Representatives of the Medical Association, Bar Association, Teacher and Newspaper Associations and the Students Directors have also been contacted and indicated their desire to assist in this endeavor.
5. Aouder and Sardinas stated that former President Frio indicated that former members of the Castro regime who are exiled in the US should also be invited to join because their presence in the organization will indicate to the people of Cuba that the aim of the organization is not the return to certain conditions that prevailed before Jan 98. Dr. Frio mentioned that with former Fidelistas joining the organization the members of the "Half-Breeds" and the militia plus the government bureaucracy will not fear reprisals if and when the Castro regime is ousted. Dr. Frio added that with names such as Felipe ~~Ramos~~, ~~Jose~~ ~~Ellis~~, ~~Barquet~~, ~~Andr~~ ~~Cabrera~~ and even controversial Ramon Ray, the chances of acceptance by members of the Armed Forces will increase.

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7. If this works out, the new organization will be ruled by a five man board selected by a general assembly of all the above mentioned personalities. The chairmanship of the board will be rotated periodically.

JUSTIN J. GLEZEAU

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Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Masulin telecons

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely pastime or recreation but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

Chief, Washington Field Office

16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Mr. Peterson. Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

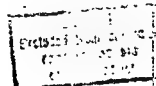
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product(machine pistols with silencers) he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas(201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres(The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard(while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

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Chief, Washington Field Office

28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

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REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject
B) Van Happer/Masulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked [] (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional information. [] is a Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. [] knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

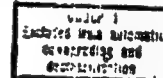
3. According to [] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. [] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala

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SUBJECT Guillermo Iglesias/Efforts to Raise
Money Under Alleged Agency Auspices

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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

This report has been prepared by the DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE, DDI. The operational information contained herein may not be disclosed to personnel outside of the CLANDESTINE SERVICE, CIA, without the prior permission of the Domestic Contact Service.

1. On 26 June 1973 the [REDACTED] Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Iglesias (subject of [REDACTED]) that would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6080 W. Flazler Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.
2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Iglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, Iglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Iglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Iglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Masferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Masferrer contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Masferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian Internal Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Vargas, who is an advisor in armaments to the Colombian National Police. Masferrer also passed Iglesias the name of Carlos (Gabi) head of the Venezuela Internal Police. Iglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Masferrer said that he personally turned over five M-26 fragmentation hand grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Masferrer was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Iglesias as a black operation.
3. During our conversation with Masferrer, he raised an additional point. Masferrer said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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Manferrer because, according to him, any time the US Embassy people in Bogota were passed information the Colombian guerrillas were somehow informed. Vega told Manferrer that he believed a leak had developed in the US Embassy and that the "Embassy boys" could no longer be trusted.

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DATE 26 May 1973

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

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SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 261-3689. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Denial Bermudez, 6080 W. Flagler, Apartment #17.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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Chief, Washington Field Office

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16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, DCS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead *A*

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

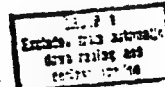
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES H. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office

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Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

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A# 168846

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject
B) Van Hopper/Masulin telecom

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, [redacted] (unclassified) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [redacted] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. Peterson knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

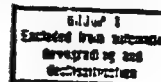
3. According to [redacted] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [redacted] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused those offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [redacted] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [redacted] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. [] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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6 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Monday, 3 July 1972, from 2100 to 2400 hours at Clyde's Bar, Washington, D.C.; and Tuesday, 4 July 1972, from 1800 to 1900 hours, poolside, 7623 Motera St., Apt. 201, Falls Church, Virginia, the undersigned talked with Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

2. I mentioned to Masferrer that my superiors (supposedly in the State Department) were interested that some responsible U.S. Government authority be informed of his story regarding U.S. citizen involvement in drug trafficking and guerrilla training in Mexico. Masferrer said that last February he told the story up to that date to Miami, F.B.I. Agent Bob Dyer, and also certain information to U.S. Customs Bureau Agent Buchanan (fnu). Masferrer said he had not informed any government entities of events subsequent to February. I mentioned that such information was not necessarily within the unique purview of the State Department, but that my superiors would probably be interested in anything further.

3. Rolando Masferrer, Jr., related to me four different occasions when an insurgent organization, "Force Seven", comprised of American adventurers in Mexico, was brought to his attention.

4. The first time the Subject heard of "Force Seven" was from Francisco BRAVO (or Brabo) [NFI], Chief of Judicial Police, State of Morelos. Subject had met Bravo "a few years ago". They met again in Atlanta, Georgia, late December 1971, when Bravo came for a weapons demonstration at the Military Armament Corp, Powder Springs, Georgia, some 20 miles outside Atlanta. Bravo told Masferrer of the insurgency problem in the Mexican states of Morelos and Guerrero. Bravo mentioned the existence of "Force Seven". Bravo indicated his police

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needed weapons to fight the insurgents and subsequently invited Masferrer and Arnaldo Alliegro (son of a former Cuban Senator, naturalized citizen, and Masferrer's partner in Paraisillo Corporation) to come to Mexico. Bravo promised to introduce Masferrer and Alliegro to Mexican police authorities competent to purchase firearms.

5. Subject again heard the name "Force Seven" in Miami, January 1972, from Otilio CASTANEDA Pais, former First Vice-President of the Guatemalan Congress. [Castaneda was head of the Guatemalan civilian counter-insurgency forces in the Zacapa region during 1967-68, and, according to Masferrer, the chief of the Muro Blanco. Castaneda was killed 12 June 1972. The Guatemalan insurgent group, F.A.R., "took credit" for the killing.] Castaneda was travelling to the U.S. with Messrs. Sandoval and Figaroa. [Probably Mario SANDOVAL Alarcon, President of the Guatemalan Congress and head of the U.L.I. party; and Alvaro CUEVAS Figaroa, Castaneda's predecessor as First Vice-President of Congress. Several TDCS reports during January and February 1972 indicated Cuevas Figaroa was trying to smuggle arms from the U.S. to Guatemala supposedly for a planned coup in Costa Rica.] Masferrer said Castaneda was trying to arrange the release from U.S. Federal prison Rolando Masferrer, Sr. Castaneda wanted Masferrer, Sr., to emigrate to Guatemala to become involved in state security matters and also to organize an anti-Communist army. Castaneda mentioned to Masferrer, Jr., the growing insurgency problems in the Peten area of Guatemala. Castaneda mentioned that U.S. insurgents operating under the name "Force Seven" entered the Peten from Mexico. The Guatemalan Army's Mariscal Zavala Brigade had been dispatched from Guatemala City to the Mexican border in Peten province to counter the infiltration, but had recently been shifted to the border adjacent British Honduras. Masferrer said Castaneda believed that former U.S. "Green Berets" were involved with the insurgents. Castaneda said that a list of all U.S. Special Forces-trained Guatemalans had disappeared when the U.S. military training mission was terminated. Now the guerrillas in Guatemala are pinpointing those U.S. trained, local military personnel with uncanny accuracy. From that evidence, Castaneda believed that "Force Seven" must include some of the U.S. "Green Berets" that had originally trained the local Guatemalan military.

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6. During the first three months of 1972, Subject made two trips to Mexico. During his first trip, three weeks in late January and February, Masferrer travelled with Alliegro and Mitchell Norbell (Mitchell Livingston Norbell III, 261-259010, former G-2 member in G-2-1 in World War II; former President of Military Armament Corporation; and presently associated with Defense Systems Incorporated, Poudre Springs, Colorado.) In Mexico City, Francisco Bravo introduced the Masferrer to Mexico City Police Chief Santos (Daniel GUTIERREZ Santos) and Miguel NAZAR Hero, "Chief of Political Police". [Actually Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service, DFS, a political and intelligence organization working within the Secretariat of Government.] During conversations Nazar admitted Mexico's insurgency problems and specifically named "Force Seven". Masferrer mentioned that both Nazar and Gutierrez Santos were angry with President Echeverria because of the Mexican Government's policy of light criminal punishment and short prison terms for bandits and/or guerrillas painfully captured by the police.

7. Bravo took the three to Cuernavaca where he showed them a house on the outskirts of the city that the police used for unofficial detentions and heavy-handed interrogations. Bravo complained that the local Catholic Archbishop was implicated with the insurgents as well as certain U.S. film personalities who vacation in the American community in Cuernavaca. Bravo also implicated a professor that was kidnapped in Guerrero in late 1971. Bravo believed that the professor [Jaime CASTREJON Diaz, Rector of the University of Guerrero] actually conspired with the insurgents for his own kidnapping in order to raise the ransom money for the insurgent movement. [The ransom was finally paid by President Echeverria.]

8. Subject travelled again to Mexico in March 1972 with Bernardo DE TORRES. [Mexico 2038, 4 December 1969, mentions that LITENFO-12, WH/MIAMI, received a phone call from one Bernardo De Torres regarding a supposed Swiss contraband arms dealer in Mexico City.] Nazar had invited Masferrer to return to Mexico to go on a "hunting party", that is, to participate in an actual counter-insurgency operation. Masferrer and De Torres arrived in Acapulco and were met by Bravo. They travelled by police vehicle for about an hour east of Acapulco to an area near La Treintas (NFI).

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Just before they arrived they heard on the police radio that the Army had just "shot down" a twin-engine Beechcraft. When they arrived, a search of the wreckage yielded a few weapons. A short firefight (about 15 minutes) ensued with insurgents that left two soldiers dead. Masferrer said he did not know the number of insurgent casualties. One insurgent was captured along with his .45 caliber pistol.

9. The captured insurgent turned out to be a U.S. citizen, white, male, approximately 27 years old. (Masferrer claimed he forgot the prisoner's name, but that he had it in Miami.) Bravo did not trust the Acapulco or the Guerrero state police and had his men take the prisoner to the detention house outside of Cuernavaca. Masferrer said he witnessed the interrogation in which the prisoner's head was repeatedly dunked in a rain barrel to make him talk. The prisoner eventually revealed the following information about "Force Seven": participating Americans were ex-ranger, airborne, Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam combat experience. They were armed with CAR-15 (M-16) rifles and some had M-79 grenade launchers. Other Americans operated elsewhere in Latin America. "Force Seven" provided training to the insurgents and, whenever possible, supplied weapons. In return, the Americans were paid in money and drugs, mostly marijuana, but some cocaine. Masferrer said no heroin was mentioned. The prisoner said the insurgents used the money from the drug smuggling to finance operations. Bank robberies had become increasingly difficult since the Army began posting armed guards at army banks. The prisoner said he had worked under Genaro VASQUEZ [Mexico's infamous bandit-turned-guerrilla; killed in a car accident last February]. The prisoner put guerrilla strength at about 2,000 men. Masferrer, however, said Bravo felt that figure to be high. The prisoner also mentioned that some of the insurgents had previously received guerrilla training in North Korea.

10. Masferrer said that later, upon Nazar's orders, the American prisoner was shot and killed. The whole affair was never reported in the local press because, according to Masferrer, such information, if revealed, would damage the area's tourist trade.

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12 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product (machine pistols with silencers), he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas (201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres (The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard (while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

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7 July 1972

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SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely one of reaction but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

7 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Conversation with
Agilando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Sunday, 2 July 1973, from 1800 to 2000 hours at the Shanghai Restaurant, Arlington, Va., I met with Agilando Masferrer, Jr. Masferrer is unemployed at the time of my interview. My cover story is that I am a Program Officer with the State Department. I supposedly work in a research capacity for the American Republics Area until the time I can be programmed to enter the next Foreign Service Institute class.)

2. Masferrer and I, old National Guard comrades, had not seen one another for 5 months. We had dinner and later went on a tour of apartment sites in the District and northern Virginia. During the course of the conversation, he related the events of his trips to Mexico and his recent trip (June 1972) to Colombia in the course of his job as Vice-President, Sales, Military Instrument Corp.

Mexico: Subject mentioned the trouble the Mexican Government is having with leftist guerrillas, particularly in two western states. He claimed the rebels were being trained in part by U.S. adventurers who claimed to be ex-ranger, airborne Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam experience. The Americans were training the rebels in return for money and marijuana and a piece of the drug smuggling action. The Americans operated under the non de guerre "Force Seven". This same "Force Seven" claimed to have connections and affiliations in Guatemala. Subject claimed even to have participated in a small firefight with the Mexican Army and the Judicial Police against the guerrillas in an effort to prove the worth of his particular military products.

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Colombia: Subject mentioned Colombia's increasing alarm with the problems of drug trafficking within the country. While in Colombia he claimed to have stayed in the house of his family friend MG Jaime FORN Pardo, Chief of Staff of the Colombian Army.

2. The entire conversation was kept on the level of buddies swapping war stories. Subject, however, swore to the veracity of his statements. I mentioned that the State Department was currently interested in the problems of drug trafficking in Latin America and maybe there would be some interest in pursuing the matter further. I also indicated I would ask my superiors at the State Department if they had ever heard anything about the existence of a "Force Seven" or anything of the curious activities of U.S. adventures, drug smuggling, and leftist guerrilla movements in Mexico.

3. On Monday, 3 July 1972, I coordinated with the following people at Headquarters:

[redacted], Acting Desk Chief, Colombia
Richard Wheeler and John Murray, Branch 1, Mexico
[redacted], C/CH/PI
[redacted] WH/NARC

Their collective suggestions and instructions were:

- a. Go slow on efforts to elicit information so not to arouse suspicions of Agency involvement.
- b. Find out any information regarding the Colombian Army's E-2 battalion, U.S. citizen's involvement in drug trafficking in Latin America (names, dates, and places), Cuban involvement in cocaine traffic, and any ties between leftist guerrillas and drug smuggling.
- c. Write a memorandum and Subject evaluation (where he works, where he goes, who he meets, and an assessment of recruitability).

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4. I made arrangements to meet McFerrer again
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Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 251-3639. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Rafael Bermudez, 6030 N. Flagler, Apartment 617.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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3. During our conversation with Mantener, he raised an additional point. Mantener said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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